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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

If you don't see what you want, don't ask for it, is a safe motto for office seekers.

If sand were rain, we couldn't complain, and if wind were water, we hadn't ought'r.

The longest and best list of prizes ever given at a Tournament of Roses were given at Pasadena last Monday.

Judging from their names, those bugs that George Comper is sending home from Hawaii to kill scale must be most dagos.

Hooray for California! Virgie Fair has captured one of those Vanderbilt lads who has money to incinerate and throw at the birds.

Mr. Gage having had some experience with the newspapers of Los Angeles, is now getting a few lessons on journalism in San Francisco.

The wages of sin, according to the Scripture, is death; but according to the San Francisco newspapers it is a seat in the United States senate.

Let the tobacco chewers who use the sidewalk for a cuspidor be given lessons in decency inside the city jail if they cannot learn them outside.

If Santa Claus had dropped a large wet rainstorm into Southern California's stocking, he would have been as popular with the adults today as he is with the little ones.

It is a pleasure to reproduce the following from the Pacific Prohibitionist: "Money has been coming in very rapidly during the past two weeks. The Prohibitionist thanks its friends for the wherewithal to settle a few pressing bills."

Wells, Fargo & Co. have shown that all corporations are not entirely soulless by shipping 15,500 packages of celery from Orange county to the employees of the company, a quantity sufficient to give every employee two bunches each of the succulent vegetable.

The police department of Los Angeles is beginning to make its efforts felt in ridding the city of hobos and suspicious characters. It will doubtless take some little time to rid the city of all, or even of the greater part of them, but vigorous action will have abundant reward.

The serving of dinners such as were given to more than fifteen hundred of Los Angeles' hungry poor on Sunday by the Salvation Army is the kind of Christian service that has made an organization that was despised and persecuted a dozen years ago one of the most powerful and most respected in the world.

Azusa has had the wisdom of its recent action in deciding upon incorporation emphasized by the evidence of the need of a better water supply, made manifest on the occasion of a fire a few nights since, when three cottages were burned and the facilities for extinguishing fire were found to be sadly deficient.

Among the Christmas presents which were bestowed upon young America in this city this year there seems to have been a liberal supply of air guns. As a result bullets from these guns are flying around promiscuously in some parts of the city nowadays, and it will be surprising if there are no eyes lost as a consequence.

The Santa Fe limited, which reached Los Angeles on Saturday, brought the largest number of passengers which have arrived at any time this season. Unless all signs fail, the influx of tourists, after the holidays are over, will make the number in Southern California larger than during any preceding year.

It doesn't always take two to make a trade, the time-honored adage to the contrary notwithstanding. The Santa Maria Times says: "Sunday night some chicken fanciers purchased a dozen young hens from Mr. Bunce's corral. Al wasn't around when the transfer of property was made, else there might be a different story to tell."

The Press says: "Riverside has a Street Ornamentation Committee, regularly appointed by the Board of Trustees—the only organization of the kind, we believe, in Southern California." Riverside should not be the sole possessor of such a committee. There is work for it in every city and town in Southern California, and the work is the sort that pays.

The police of St. Louis are searching for James C. Dunham, who is wanted in Santa Clara county, Cal., for murdering an entire family of six persons. There is a reward of \$11,000 for his

arrest. A letter to Chief of Detective Desmond from J. H. Lyndon, the Sheriff of Santa Clara county, says that Dunham has been traced to the Missouri river, and is believed to be in St. Louis.

San Diego seems to have a way of settling bills that would not work well with private individuals. The charter provides that the city shall pay its bills only from revenue raised during the year such bills are contracted. A judgment for \$11,418.51 has just been given against the city in favor of the San Diego Water Company for the use of its water plant in 1891-92, but as the money raised that year has been used, it is said the company can collect nothing.

Speaking of hens, the Lompoc Record relates the following tale of woe: "A few weeks ago we had a hundred hens. We have entertained no preachers nor patronized the chicken peddlers, and recently have found the flock reduced to three old hens. We have come to the conclusion that they must have strayed away or been stolen, and if the latter, we wish the party would come and take the balance, as we wish to stock up with a new variety."

For several years past one of the principal attractions along the Los Angeles and Pacific Railway Company's line between Los Angeles and Santa Monica has been the huge whale bones which were a source of continual surprise to the passengers. It is now reported that Prof. A. J. Cook of Pomona College has had these remains collected for the purpose of mounting them for the college museum at Pomona. The whale was brought ashore at Santa Monica in 1895, and for a long while proved a menace to the health of the entire community.

The Ventura Signal chronicles a minor local collapse, and then anticipates to a degree that is really terrible. It says: "Attorney Orr lost his windmill in the late gale. This was a simon pure windmill engaged in a legitimate windmill business, and the loss will be considerable. But think of the irreparable loss to the community if every lawyer should have his windmill blown away. Oh, my! Of course, sarcastic people will say that the gale never was that could affect the legal windmill." The loss would be less to the community than to the lawyer. But the wind, it bloweth whereso'er it listeth.

The grand jury in Santa Barbara county has been digging into the affairs of the office of the Sheriff of that county and the result is a discovery that creates a sensation. The jury's report says a large number of serious overcharges have been made, and orders the district attorney to enter suit to collect the amounts. One of the specific charges is that Sheriff Hicks charged mileage to Los Angeles and back—both ways—for six prisoners; that the warrant was honored by the Supervisors and Hicks was paid the excess over legal charges being \$132. These grand juries are sometimes a very disturbing element in the pursuit of office holding for what there is in it.

The Pasadena News thus exposes the manner in which the Los Angeles morning papers get their poetry: "Although T. B. Reed sat up all night to write 'Sheridan's Ride' the Pomona Progress is discouraging its readers from sitting up nights to write poetry. Let 'em go, Haskell; you don't have to print their effusions. Don't you know how to say 'Why madam, that is most excellent. It is worthy of a better place than my local paper. Hadn't you better take it down and sell it to the big Los Angeles dailies? They ought to pay you well for it. Then, besides that, my paper is so small that I cannot print literary gems, but must give it up to local news entirely.' Then, by a sign arrangement with the printers, have them call you out in the other room before she has gotten over her blushing. Don't discourage the Pomona muses, brother."

GENERAL LAWTON ASSIGNED.  
He Will Be Sent to the Philippine Islands.

The War Department has issued orders assigning Major-General Lawton to service in the Philippines. This assignment is considered one of exceptional importance. General Lawton, who was one of the conspicuous officers in the Cuban campaign about Santiago, will be second in command to General Otis, and in the event of General Otis' appointment as Governor of the Philippines, will assume military command of the forces in the Philippines. His new duties will require a combination of nerve and tact. General Lawton recently has been in command of the camp at Huntsville.

General Frank, as ranking officer, will assume command on the departure of General Lawton. The latter's selection for duty in the Philippines was owing largely to the character of his service during the war and later at Havana.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

The name of the postoffice at Lime Kiln, Tulare county, Cal., has been changed to Lemon Cove.

Tomasso Killini of San Francisco, murderer of Louisa Spain, has been sentenced to Folsom prison for life.

The schooner Pearl has arrived at San Francisco from Unalaska with \$47,000 in bullion and seventy-six tons of concentrates.

The Morgan City, one of the Philippine transports, has been accepted to carry freight to the troops there. She will be loaded at San Francisco within a week or ten days.

Work on the battleship Ohio has been commenced at the Union Iron Works at San Francisco. It will be the largest ship ever built on the coast and one of the three largest to be built in the American navy.

Millions of dollars are being invested in horseless carriages in the east and in Europe, but out this way we are in luck to have even seen a photograph of one of the blamed things. The west seems to be constantly getting slower and slower.

Private David Dare, Company E, First United States Infantry, known at his San Francisco home as Starr Dare, was shot by a negro at Huntsville, Ala., on Christmas night. Eyewitnesses say the shooting was done in cold blood.

The China, just arrived at San Francisco, brings the largest consignment of opium ever entered at that port, 660 cases, worth \$500,000; at \$6 a pound the duty amounts to \$162,000. The China brought 368 bags of mail, mostly from Manila.

The regents of the University of California have allowed the fee of \$2000 awarded by the Superior Court to C. T. Bird for his services in foreclosing a mortgage. On recommendation of President Kellogg, a number of degrees were conferred.

Salmon cannery men near Vancouver are alarmed at the government regulations. Unless the department agrees to the cannery men's suggested amendment, the canneries on Fraser river, in which about \$3,000,000 is annually spent, will be bodily transferred to the United States.

The Fulton (Ariz.) Telegraph relates the following incident: "A young woman living in the north part of town swallowed a needle two or three years ago. Last week the same needle was removed from the right arm of a young man who had kept company with her since she swallowed the needle." She ought to marry that young man for saving her life.

John White, a colored politician of Springfield, Ohio, has sued Probate Judge J. P. Goodwin and Editor D. T. West for \$50,000 damages on account of statements made in the News regarding White. This is a sequel to charges made by White that he had seen Judge Goodwin, formerly of Los Angeles, hug and kiss his pretty colored clerk, Miss Gertrude Denny.

The postmaster at San Francisco called attention to the large amount of mail matter accumulating there under the mistaken idea that domestic postage applies to Hawaii. Letters for residents of Hawaii still require the international postage of 5 cents per half ounce, although all mail to persons in the United States military and naval service is transmissible at domestic rates.

Pensions were granted to Californians as follows: Original—Watson Boyles, National Military Home, Los Angeles, \$8; Thomas Wallace, Elk, \$6; Thomas M. Thompson, Lake Greeno, \$6; Reissue, R. L. Herrick, Ventura, \$10. Original widows, etc. (reissue)—Alice Dickford, Santa Cruz, \$20. Original—Lewis G. Culver, Sebastopol, \$8. Additional—Samuel W. Roweroff, Elk Creek, \$6 to \$12.

George Rudge from Wrangell, brings a story that three men from Port Simpson were blown out to sea on the little schooner Ohio a couple of weeks ago and had to spend seven days on an uninhabited island with nothing to eat except mussels and sea weed. They were Dr. Phillips of New York, R. Blick and W. Bridges, the last mentioned of Fresno county, Cal., and well known as the leader of an expedition up the Sticken river, who, it is said, was threatened with lynching by sixty members of his party.

Mrs. Dolores Apollonia de Laveaga-Rivera of Los Angeles appeared in Judge Coffey's department of the Superior Court to claim one-fourth of the \$1,000,000 left by the late Jose Vicente

de Laveaga. Mrs. Rivera asserts herself to be the daughter of the late Jose Maria de Laveaga, who was a brother to Jose Vicente de Laveaga. Mrs. Rivera's claim to a part of this property is based on the theory that as the surviving child of Jose Vicente's brother, she has a right to inherit as a representative of her father. The taking of testimony in her behalf has begun.

The following counties have settled with the state their first installment of taxes for 1898: Plumas, \$8360.24; Santa Clara, \$178,391.61; Ventura, \$34,398.72; Sacramento, \$122,364.65; Colusa, \$40,111.75; Kings, \$25,034.42; Tehama, \$36,815.08; Glenn, \$33,620.35; Fresno, \$99,182.38; Monterey, \$62,556.40; Sierra, \$5450.14; Napa, \$44,608.67; Santa Barbara, \$47,262.29; El Dorado, \$15,517.01; San Bernardino, \$50,919.12; Sonoma, \$91,902.43; Alameda, \$303,483.65; San Joaquin, \$119,644.01; San Mateo, \$44,445.74; Yuba, \$18,172.60; Kern, \$57,466.07; Humboldt, \$58,731.45.

### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The late Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild left £100,000 to the Evelina Hospital for Children, founded in memory of his wife. He made also other considerable charitable bequests.

M. Musson, the well-known journalist of Paris, fought a duel with swords with M. Dupont, a supporter of Dreyfus revision. M. Dupont was severely wounded, his adversary's weapon piercing his lung.

Part of Red Rock Mountain, according to a dispatch from Africa, a village of Switzerland, Canton of Tisno, has fallen into Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses. Three persons were injured.

The Spanish cabinet has agreed to send additional funds to Cuba for the repatriation of the Spanish troops remaining there. The government considers that the prospects for the release of the Spanish prisoners at the Philippines are very discouraging.

The new Filipino cabinet is as follows: President of the Cabinet and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Mabini; Minister of War, Senor Luna; Minister of the Interior, Senor Araneta; Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, Senor Buncamino; Minister of Public Works, Senor Canon.

King Humbert has signed a decree amnestying or reducing the punishments of the rioters who took part in the disturbance last spring. About seven hundred persons who were sentenced by court-martials and about two thousand who were condemned by the civil courts have been liberated, but all recidivists or habitual criminals have been excluded from the benefits of the decree.

According to a London cablegram the Venice correspondent of the London Times says: "Don Carlos, who is in perfect health, desires me to deny absolutely the report that he contemplates abdicating. On the contrary, he says, he is more resolved than ever to fulfill his role to the end. He authorizes me to assert that he has asked no audience to the pope, and has requested nothing else of His Holiness."

Captain Pitthe, which sailed for London from Hong Kong has been wrecked on a rock. Part of her crew has been saved and landed here. The captain, the chief officer and the second and the fourth officers are missing. The British steamer Glenovan hailed from Glasgow and was 1912 tons register. She left London October 2 for Kobe, Japan, and sailed from Shanghai for Hong Kong on December 4.

Foreign bankers have declared sterling exchange rates sufficiently low to permit of the importation of gold, and it was not unlikely that some more would come in January; that imports really depended now on the rates for money here. If there was need for the gold here, some would undoubtedly come. It will be easy, the bankers say, to bring in \$50,000,000 in gold if any such sum were needed.

At a meeting of 4000 members of the League of Patriots held in Paris, it was decided, in view of the situation created by the Dreyfus founder of the original League of Patriots, Paul de Roullede, member of the chamber of deputies for Charente, and founder of the original League of Patriots and himself one of the most active opponents of the Dreyfus opposition, was elected president of the new league.

The Paris correspondent of the Times gives an interesting account this morning of the way in which Emil Zola escaped to London, after the sentence imposed upon him last July in the trial on the charge of libel brought against him by M. Perroux, managing editor of the Aurore, by the officers of the Esterhazy court-martial. According to M. de Plowitz, M. Zola has lived at various places in England quietly ever since. It appears that his Paris friends had the greatest difficulty to persuade him to seek refuge in England, the course they considered best for the Dreyfus revision.

## MINES AND MINING.

Rumor says the Blackhawk mines will be worked in the early spring, and we have reason to believe it's true.

Joe Ingersoll of the O. K. mine will go into San Bernardino with \$2500 worth of bullion in gold bricks, the result of less than a month's run.

J. M. Rockwood filed a notice in the county Recorder's office locating the Rocky Fellow mine in the Shendoah district, and B. H. Ferris filed a notice locating the Ferris Wheel mine in the Magnolia district.

Reports from Randsburg are that the Wedge cleaned up \$2200 from seventy tons of its low-grade ore, an average of over \$30 per ton. The richest of the ore was picked out, and will be milled separately. It is expected that this latter will not go below an average of \$100 a ton.

The Paulsen properties on the Trinity river have been sold to a San Francisco company. The deposits of auriferous gravel between Lowden ranch and Douglas city comprise about 1400 acres of mining ground. Water rights have been secured which will furnish 5000 inches during the winter and spring months. The mine has three outlets to the Trinity river and may be easily worked, being noticeably free from large boulders.

The first quartz crystal found in North America which can be properly classed as a precious stone is said to be a pellucid crystal ball recently cut by Tiffany and about to be sold for \$3000. It came from the old gold mining district of California. It is said that Miss Helen Gould last year paid for a Japanese crystal ball about seven and one-half inches in diameter and not absolutely flawless, together with the silver and gold mountings, \$15,000. Crystal gazing will hardly become a fad unless the California yield increases more than an hundred fold.

A strike of gold in the Trickler tunnel, being driven through Pike's Peak to increase the water supply of Colorado Springs, has caused the most intense excitement in that city. A splendid vein bearing large quantities of sylvanite, has been encountered by the contractor, George W. Jackson, and samples of the find assay up into the thousands. Today pieces of the ore were roasted and globulets of gold were apparent in the rock. The find is of the most importance to the city of Colorado Springs. Experts who have examined the property say that millions of dollars' worth of gold are contained in the vein encountered.

Mining Review: W. G. McGinty, who owns some mining properties at Seven Oaks camp, in Cattle canyon, about one mile from the San Gabriel river, Los Angeles county, returned this week to Los Angeles after an absence of some eight months at his mines. During the greater part of that time he has been engaged hydraulicking the gravel banks, but as water was running short in the San Gabriel river, the three water companies of Azusa, Duarte and Covina filed an injunction against him and he was obliged to stop work. Mr. McGinty says he has no doubt but that the question of water will be settled next spring, and he will again get to work on his gravel beds. In the meantime he will start up work on two quartz claims he owns in the same locality, and which give every evidence of being very rich. Assays of ore from the ledge run from \$25 to \$1023 per ton. The ledge on the surface has a width of eighteen inches, and at eighty feet in the tunnel it widens out to four feet. He is now going to sink a shaft at the mouth of the tunnel 100 feet deep. Those who have examined the properties say that he has a true fissure vein, and this is also his own opinion. These several properties, known as the McGinty mines, are owned by the Gold Rock Mining and Milling Company, of which Mr. McGinty is one of the principal shareholders. He brought back with him a lot of hand-some nuggets and coarse gold washed from the gravel; also some fine gold panned out of a lump of quartz from the vein he is developing. There is quite an excitement in the district over the results already obtained in these properties and other mines in the region of the San Gabriel river, and a number of new locations have lately been made.

### THE ENORMOUS GOLD PRODUCT OF 1898.

This will be the greatest gold year in history. From South Africa, the Klondike and Australia the precious metal is being shipped in large quantities. It is believed that this year's output will be nearly double that of any previous twelve months. The sales of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are also increasing very fast, and this year that famous remedy will cure more people of dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, nervousness and weakness than ever before.